



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Wilhelmus J.E.M. van den Dungen et al.  
 SERIAL NO : 10/642,800  
 FILED : August 18, 2003  
 TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POSITIONING SEPARATELY  
 SUPPLIED ELONGATE MEAT PRODUCTS  
 Grp./A.U. : 3651  
 Examiner : Douglas A. HESS  
 Conf. No. : 3118  
 Docket No. : P06477US1-171

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4)**

Mail Stop Petition  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Attached are Forms PT0/SB/08A and 8B (formerly PTO-1449) listing the relevant art known to Applicants herein. Copies of the prior art are enclosed.

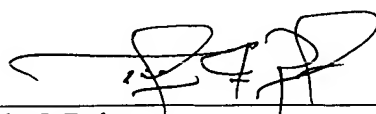
Applicants submits herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose. Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), Applicant is filing this Information Disclosure Statement along with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. §197(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL**

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed herewith are being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via Express Mail Certificate EV 533846579 US addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004.

  
 Timothy J. Zarley

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. (Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.)

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement; however, consider this a request for any fees inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

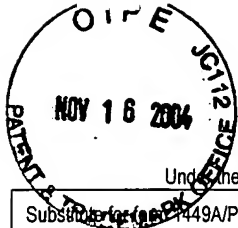
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Zarley', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Timothy J. Zarley  
Reg. No. 45,253  
ZARLEY LAW FIRM P.L.C.  
Capital Square  
400 Locust Street, Suite 200  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2350  
Phone No. (515) 558-0200  
FAX No. (515) 558-7790

Attorneys of Record  
Customer No. 34082

TJZ/JJL/kc



PTO/SB/O8A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for PTO 1449A/PTO				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4)</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	10/642,800
				Filing Date	08/18/2003
				First Named Inventor	van den DUNGEN, et al.
				Art Unit	3651
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	OF	1	Attorney Docket Number	P06477US1-171
	1	5,201,398		04/13/1993	CLUGSTON

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.(1)	Foreign Patent Document Country Code(3)-Number(4) -Kind Code(5) (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear.	T(6)
	1	JP A 61111221	05/29/1986	ISEKI & CO LTD		

OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. (1)	Include Name of author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item(book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T(2)
		Miscellaneous Manuscript	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

(1) Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). (2) See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. (3) Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3.) (4) For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. (5) Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St. 16 if possible. (6) Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.